



## Lowther Primary School - Uniform Policy

This policy was reviewed in July 2025

The next review of this policy is due in July 2026

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### **Purpose**

It is the policy of Lowther Primary School that all children wear school uniform.

Our policy for school uniform is based on the principle that school uniform

- Develops a sense of community and belonging to the school
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance
- Is practical and looks smart
- Is regarded as suitable clothing for school
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school
- Is considered by parents as good value for money

### **Uniform**

Red sweatshirt, fleece, jumper or cardigan.

Sweatshirts must not have hoods.

Black or dark grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.

No tracksuit trousers, sports shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.

Nursery and Reception children only may wear joggers, for practical reasons.

Plain black shoes or other plain dark-coloured appropriate footwear.

No logos should be visible.

In warmer weather pupils may wear a red and white checked dress or black/dark grey shorts. These must not be PE shorts.

Base layers should not be worn, apart from in PE lessons.

Tights (plain red, grey, white or black) may be worn with a skirt or pinafore dress.

Socks must be plain red, grey, white or black.

A white or red t-shirt or polo shirt may be worn in Nursery and Reception only.

Shoes should be comfortable and safe. Children should not wear coloured sports trainers, but can change into them for playtimes in order to keep shoes/footwear in good condition. Boots can be worn to and from school but are not suitable to be worn all day. Children can bring another pair of shoes to change into.

All uniform should be free of any form of logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

Children should bring coats in cold or wet weather.

Uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name, including shoes. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Book bags, rucksacks and PE bags are available.

### **PE Kit**

All children must wear PE kit for PE lessons, for health and safety reasons. Our PE kit comprises:

Black shorts

Red T-shirt (not a vest or crop top). Trainers (children do not need plimsolls)

Red hooded sweatshirt (for the winter)

Black or grey jogging bottoms for outdoor PE. Plain black leggings are also acceptable for PE.

Our school PE kit, including PE bag, is on sale via the school website.

PE kit should be worn for all after-school sports clubs. Children may wear football strip for football club, basketball kit for basketball club etc.

All curriculum PE kit should be free from any form of logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

All PE kit including shoes and bags should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

### **Swimming Kit**

A one-piece swimming costume or swimming trunks or swimming shorts must be worn for swimming lessons. Long shorts are not permitted. Long hair must be tied back and all pupils should wear a swimming hat.

### **Jewellery**

Children may wear only stud earrings. No other jewellery should be worn to school.

### **General Appearance**

Children should not wear nail varnish, make-up or any fake tattoos. Long hair should be tied back.

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

#### **Parents and Carers**

Parents/carers should support our school uniform policy, ensuring that children come to school clean and tidy, in school uniform and with the appropriate PE and swimming kit.

## **Staff**

Staff should remind children to wear correct school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. The deputy or headteacher will speak to parents of children who persistently fail to wear the correct school uniform.

## **Governors**

Governors will monitor the policy through the Premises, Health and Safety Committee.

Governors and the Headteacher will consider any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have adjustments made to school uniform for medical or committed religious reasons.

This policy has regard to [Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#) and will be updated as required.

## **Sourcing uniform**

Uniform can be bought via the school website at reasonable prices, as well as from high street retailers.

<https://lowther.richmond.sch.uk/uniform.php>

<https://www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk/product-category/lowther-primary-school-barnes-london/>

## **Second-hand uniform and affordability**

Advice and support for families in financial hardship can be given at the school office.

Second-hand sales are organised by the Lowther PTA.

## **Tips for families**

Many supermarkets have special uniform deals in the summer.

Some charity shops have school uniform items, especially at the end of the school year.

A class WhatsApp group can be helpful for sharing information and passing on items.

Parents might consider sharing multi-packs of basic items, if children are likely to outgrow clothes quickly.

Trousers bought a size too large can last longer if the hem is turned up and then let down as the child grows.

Various websites have hints for keeping costs down and how to repair clothes, eg davidluke.com, Facebook Marketplace, Facebook Swap & Sell.